SOCIAL CODE AND LAW

By THE ARBITER.

The Arbiter, care The Washington Herald.

Following a custom, which dates back to the foundation of the government, the formal opening of the social season at and dignity, the President's house is one of the most pleasing buildings in town, and never appears to better advantage officials to keep what is known as "open to him. than when decked in holiday array for the reception of the beginning of the year. Flowers, ferns, and branching palms are banked on the mantels and palms are banked on the ma which, with their gilt furniture, updress, rubs against the well-worn uniform of the bowed veteran.

The order of ceremony at this important social gathering is too well always some newcomers in official circles who are glad for a hint or two, space behind the receiving party is, for they formally receive or not. ce, a little court where the members of the Diplomatic Corps, those high in official life, and the special few invited by the President and Mrs. Rooserelt, assemble. This so-called court circle is much resented by ultra-republicans, who proclaim their radicalism from the housetops, but, if, from a democratic necessary and proper evil, for it is ab-

The doors of the White House are opened for the New Year's reception at 11 o'clock. The first to enter is the Diplomatic Corps, headed by its dean, who is, at present, the Italian Ambassador, Baron Mayor des Planches. The members of this distinguished body make a brave nodding plumes. The ladies of the corps ceive on stated days after the wedding. don their most beautiful gowns, and wear the women who assist her, honor the occasion by appearing in their smartest tolletter. The many smartest tolletter of the smartest was to be ignored? Very truly yours. tollettes. The officers of the army and navy wear the uniforms of their service and rank, and no one is entitled to a and I fear you are prone to take things ribbon who does not deck himself with it too seriously. The mistletoe is only a for the New Year's reception.

a public reception, to which any one who which is the hour for closing the gates of the versation, seriously. the public, pushes its way past the Presi- "most shocking way." dent, Mrs. Roosevelt, and their assistants on the first day of the year. A book could 4. Question-It is the old question of the the President's New Year's reception, but there are pathetic incidents as well. A story is told of a woman, who is a dow-ager now, of her first experience in receiving at the White House, that would be sad if it were not so funny. It was in the Arthur administration, perhaps, and the gown in which she received were a few to adopt a middle course. Please lend me your wisdom. Should I say, in conclusion, that the man in question is married and altogether distasteful to me.

A GOVERNMENT CLERK.

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The story has a happy ending, for the child's "beautiful Christmas tree" was properly trimmed, although the tirest less than the child's "beautiful Christmas tree" was somewhat embarrassed the other evening at dipper to be asked by a diplomar who is rown living the result.

who squander much money on their her name means nothing to me. toflets because of the crowds at the Pres- Answer: The original Mrs. Grundy, or ident's receptions, especially at New Dame Grundy, as she is called in the policy. Mile. Cavalleri's move in this great part has never known a miner's Years, which make it impossible to have play, is a character in Morton's comone's gown properly appreciated. "One edy, "Speed the Plough," which was might just as well have worn a wrapper." written in the latter part of the eighsaid a disconsolate woman last year, who was fresh from Paris where she had in was fresh from Paris, where she had in- the stage, is constantly alluded to by ured by the receipts of the famous pian- an ounce? Or a mountain of silver like vested a fortune on her wardrobe. "It her rival, Dame Ashfield, in the phrase, isn't only that no one sees my gown, but "I wonder what Mrs. Grundy would say?" of the feet with which she has danced to ously rich reefs like Kalgurli? And where fame and fortune at the modest figure of else can a man dig up a nugget like the ing and it is nothing but shreds and tat- become the standard for conventional receive rough usage at such a crowded is printed. experienced and wary do not put on their best frocks for this function. The mass of people is so great that it makes ever associated with the large of the state mass of people is so great that it makes ever associated with Mrs. and Miss little difference what sort of a skirt a Sneed, for many years the social chron-woman wears, but the corsage must be iclers of the capital, who left behind the lows. A practical woman in the official They came of a distinguished Southern tration skirt." It is of black satin, very when forced to work for bread and but- store the other day," says an observer, long, and very simple in its lines, and of such style that any waist can be worn with it. "It cost a small fortune in the smart set, and it was only natural that beginning," its owner frankly confesses, they should have become the scribes of but, taken all in all, it is the most ecomy buying a dozen gowns."

ents, the arbiter would say that the proper dress for a gentleman to wear to Mrs. and Miss Sneed, who were best call on the President at any formal re- known by their nome de plumes of Mrs. ception is a frock coat, four-in-hand tie, and Miss Grundy. gray trousers, light gloves, and a high hat. Ladies, of course, wear their hats to a reception unless they are invited to receive, when a high-necked reception dress is in order. It seems almost absurd dress is in order. It seems almost absurd to lay any stress on such an accepted custom, but the wife of a South American diplomat rather outraged popular the New Year's reception at the White House a few seasons back in extreme decollete. It was perfectly excusable in her, this breach of intermediary between his correspondents. etiquette, for she was a very recent arrival, but her offense against good form furnished a tid bit of gossip that was relished for a long time.

7. Question—Is there any way in which a girl who is invited to the season's hops at Annapolis can procure a chaperon there and so avoid the expense of taking some one with her from Washington?

the White House of a New Year's Day, houses in Annapolis are very amiable which sounds, and is, inhospitable, but the abuse of the practice was responsible for a young woman to accept their pro-for its discontinuance. Tales are still re-tection. To be more explicit, all the counted of the flowing bowls, the gigantic boarding-houses in Annapolis are kept cheeses cut in the East Room, and the by gentlemen of old Southern families,

NOTE—The Arbiter will be gad to answer any mammoth pies and plum puddings, but you.

The Arbiter will be gad to answer any mammoth pies and plum puddings, but they belong to the past, as the city grew and official life extended it came to the they belong to the past, as the city grew and official life extended it came to the point when the President was forced to limit his hespitality, and at present only those who are especially invited warm their feet under the President's mahogthose who are especially invited warm their feet under the President's mahogthe Capital will begin with the New cially invite the representative of a sovany. It does not seem exactly civil to offi-Year's reception at the White House by ereign to call upon the Chief Executive the President and his consort. Despite of a great republic like the United States the carping of critics, in its simplicity and not to offer him even a giass of cold

house" on holidays. dreds of electric lights illumine the rooms. physical strength, and it has been finally sponse. abandoned, although President Roosevelt insists on giving a hearty hand grasp to holstered in rich brocades, gold frames. his callers, but Mrs. Roosevelt is content and shining mirrors make a fit setting to take refuge behind the bouquet which for the gayly attired throng that gathers Mrs. McKinley, who profited by Mrs. to wish the President a "Happy New Cleveland's unhappy experience, made Year," for on this occasion every one wears his best, and gowns from the rue hands in good democratic style, but those de la Paix brush their aristocratic sheen who remember the actual suffering some against the somber frocks with "made of the women in the White House have at home' written indelibly upon them, endured from a mistaken sense of duty while the stately ambassador, in the gold comprehend and excuse the stand that lace and flowing plumes of his court the wives of Presidents have been forced Franklin County. Before the present to take in regard to hand-shaking.

The Arbiter has received a number of communications asking if it is proper for known to need recounting, but there are The subject was mentioned in last week's women to make visits on New Year's Day. column. It is in the worst of form for which is, therefore, given: The President only exception to this rule is the women women to call on New Year's Day, the and Mrs. Roosevelt, with the women of of the diplomatic corps, who invariably the Cabinet who assist them, form a line attend the reception at the White House. across the Blue Room from the door of It is not customary for the wives of offi- uncle's birthplace. The marker is pyrathe Red Room to that of the Green cials to accompany their husbands to the midal. It is thirty-one feet high and Room, cutting off two-thirds of the room Cabinet houses; indeed, for women it is thirty-eight feet square. The body of

Answer—The wives of the judges of the Supreme Court receive on Mondays, the wives of the members of Congress on Table 181 Died 181 June 1887. In the control of the United States. Born 23d April, In the control of the United States. Born 23d Apr Tuesdays, the women of the Cabinet repoint of view, it is an evil, it is a very ceive on Wednesday, the women in the Senatorial circle on Thursday; Friday is solutely essential that some place should be set aside where the President's official Saturday was formerly set aside for the guests can mingle, which would be im- White House, but since no regular repossible if the hundreds of visitors who ception day has been maintained there pass by the Chief Executive on New the last day of the week has been ap-Year's Day were allowed the privilege of propriated by those to whom it is con venient. It is not incumbent on you to call on your husband's chief, unless you elect to do so.

Question—I am a widow, without a living relative in the world, and am shortly to be married; how should the announcement be made?

Answer-The correct form would be: "Mrs. Emilie Smith and Mr. James Jones gold lace, the chapeaux decorated with should be inclosed if it is purposed to re-

> 3. Question-You are such an amiable person that ONE WHO WAS KISSED.

Answer-You ask a difficult question, or the New Year's reception.

After the officials are received, there is No one ever takes the little parasite. White House arrives, is welcome, and it as you are wiling to confess, on such a is always an interesting and curious slender excuse, your mother has every crowd that, under the general head of right to be angry and to scold you in the

A GOVERNMENT CLERK. much decorated with the tinsel that was | Answer-Yours is, indeed, a difficult the fashion in those days. There were question to answer. One can moralize a don't know what it is. yards of silver fringe around the bottom week or two on the situation, but it is of the skirt, and almost as many yards almost impossible to suggest a remedy around the overskirt-for this was in It is clear that you cannot afford to ofdays of overskirts-and a generous fend your chief, equally clear that you Thursday. Next to Godliness! fringe finished the neck of the decolette cannot accept his unwelcome attentions, bodice. A little waif of the street had and surely it would be a tragedy if yo A little waif of the street had and surely it would be a tragedy if you swedish woman, who has been investiga-pushed her way into the very should lose your position. My advice is ting libraries in this country, says that of the holiday throng that was pass- to be as mild and firm as possible, put ing before the President and his party, the matter clearly before him, make him espying the beautiful tinsel, she stopped see that by paying court to you he is

child's "beautiful Christmas tree" was properly trimmed, although the tinsel fringe was not sacrificed for its adornment.

There is invariably a protest by women the squarder much money on their squarder much money on their ber name means nothing to me.

ters." It is inevitable that a frock should propriety wherever the English language Morton's comedy, however, as smart and stylish as one's purse al- them nothing but pleasant recollections. circle has what she calls her "adminis- family, impoverished by the war, and, a big display window in a downtown society. The work they undertook was than nomical thing I possess, and has saved well and conscientiously done, they never offended against good taste, or publishe anything that would not be acceptable to the people concerned, and there were

6. Question I am much interested in 3

Answer: As stated several times in this column, the Arbiter will not serve as an

Answer: The ladies who keep boarding this regard, and it is perfectly good form

eke out their income by accommodating the relatives and friends of the midshipmen, and one could hardly go amiss in selecting a place in which to stay, or temporary chaperon, but it would wise to ask your hostess before hand if she would undertake to assume charge of South Africa Ranks First in of evergreen oak it catches all the sur

Answer: Most certainly not. Address a formal note to Mrs. Roosevelt explaining Of This Vast Amount, the "Dark the circumstances and asking her permission to bring some one. Be assured it will meet with a promt response.

9. Question-My father, who was at college with esident, has given me a n . How shall I present it?

in corners where they will not inter-fere with the passing crowd, and hun-

BUCHANAN'S BIRTHPLACE.

Relatives Erect Monument for Penn-

sylvania's Only President. The birthplace of Pennsylvania's only President of the United States, James Buchanan, has been adequately marked, says the Philadelphia Record.

President Buchanan was born at Stony Batter, near the village of Foltz, in ument was erected there was nothing about the cabin in which the fifteenth President first saw the light of day to indicate that it had once sheltered the only son of this State who became the head of the nation.

By the will of President Buchanan's niece, the late Harriett Johnston Lane, of Washington, D. C., a sum of money was set aside to erect a marker at her This monument marks the birthplace

1791. Died 1st June, 1868."

in which President Buchanan was born.

PLUG HATS IN KANSAS.

How Pastor and a Pillar of Church Were Duped by Gamblers.

'plug" hats in Junction City: "It was in the year 1870, when John A.

showing in their court dress, heavy with gold lace, the chapeaux decorated with showing in their court dress, heavy with saturday, November 15." At home cards the land office one day, and said that a number of the boys wanted plug hats. "He could not afford to send for them

other sixteen belonged to gamblers, and they marched into church, single file, down the west aisle, carrying those hats most gracefully, and filled all the avail.

To-day, beside the surface companies, the little parasite, most gracefully, and filled all the avail-for ornament and able front seats. They knocked Anderson blow to the plug hat in Junction.

BRIEF BUT TRUE.

In the first ten months of 1907 the fore the gold can even be touched.

Tule Lake, in Oregon, is emptying itself through a subterraean hole down which country. the water is pouring in a whiripool with After the war there was a great rush Domthorne with his minarets, and the ex-In fifty cedar baskets in Philadelphia

Chinatown an Oriental raises lit choy, or li chow, at a profit of 700 per cent.

Twenty-one communicants of St. Ann's Church, Bermondsey, England, have formed a guild to scrub the church every Miss Valfrid Palmgren, a learned young

our circulating libraries are without an nearly 60.000 strong, was imported, and cliffe will always be associated locally forced by the content of the conte Forty years ago buffalo meat was so common that it sold in Kansas City for 19 cents a pound. The other day there a carcass from Frank Rockefeller's ranch

Physical Endowments Insured. From the London P. T. O.

was shown before a butcher shop and the

people didn't know what it was.

any period she will be recompensed by this respect. the insurance company who issued the square miles of gold country which in direction is only one of the endeavors of pick. artistes to insure their best paying physical endowments against accident. PaSydney, "can show a mountain of gold derewski holds a policy of £10,100 on his like Mount Morgan, that has ground fore, total over £60,000-a very moderate estimate, indeed.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "I saw a woman standing in front of to be reckoned with, too. "with a little pad in her hand sketching out some gold mining episode being resomething. I afterward learned that she corded stranger than any fiction. Take is one of the high-priced dressmakers in town, and that her success is due more than anything else to her ability to sketch off any gown that one of her cuscomers takes a fancy to and reproduce

SONG FROM A CLOCK TOWER.

Sweet chimes from many a belfried tower Through England mark cach quarter-hour, And once, nigh hill girt Windermere, This song their bells sang in my ear:

And Norman felt life's 10y and pain; And Time, unheeding, sped away As each lived out his little day.

Ere human joys or griefs were told, And on these heights the sunlight fell Ere hearts were here to feel its spell

ged muttering cloud, gilt craggy height; while from nebalous mist the sun Was forming, hoary Time looked on. And when that orb, grown faint and chill,

EDWARD T PETERS

WORLD'S GOLD YIELD

Annual Production

t I have no escort. brother without the TOTAL VALUE IS \$400,000,000

Continent" Gives \$150,000,000. While the United States Comes Second, with \$95,000,000-Austra- the lia Is Third with \$85,000,000.

gold, won regularly every year.

Africa leads with about \$150,000,000; next omes the United States with about \$95,-600,000. Australia ranks third with some \$85,000,000, while Russia, both in Europe and Asia, Mexico, Canada, and several ther countries make up the balance.

New Zealand's contribution, according to the Van Norden Magazine, is now nearly \$10,000,000 a year, largely won by hydralicking on the great alluvial flats of the South Island. To understand the marvelous regularity

of the world's gold supply, you must go to that wonderful mushroom city of the high African veldt-Johannesburg. It seems to leap roaring out of the desolate red karoo after the dreary northward journey of a thousand miles.

In the midst of its loom the palatial skyscrapers of Eloff street, the princely office building of Market square with their expressive elevators, telephones, electric lights, and all the pomp and circumstance of Wall street.

City Fit for Kings.

Here is a clubhouse worth half a milreception takes place. The the monument is composed of notive the receiving party is, for they formally receive or not.

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The plate is six or London in luxury and catering for the recting a refractory dog he had lost his princes of gold in a roaring easis of in-balance and fallen some way down the dustry, with a ratable value of \$300,000,000 cliff. rising sheer and amazing in an utter

781. Died ist June, 1868."

The monument stands near the cabin golden hymns night and day, and grind otherwise it would have fallen into the ut over \$125,600,000 worth of gold every sea. year, with as much sureness and regular- old Mr. Penleaze, a man of means, who ty as though it were so much coal.

George W. Martin, the veracious secretary of the Kansas State Historical Somere handful of tin-roofed shantles on his little memento, and found it was lety, tells the following story of the first the windswept veldt, raw and ugly, dusty packed to the brim with gold.

You will meet men who trampled heed-Anderson was pastor and I was a leading lessly on the \$0.000,000,000 worth of going buy Higherine, whereas and enpillar of a church in Junction City. which some mayes managed and thirty-Charles R. Carver, who then conducted a mile reef. And yet the ore seemed miser-

Fortune in Poor 9re.

quality that all one need do is to put inless he had orders for eighteen. I in- down machinery on a big enough scale all their jewels, and their orders, if they are so fortunate as to possess any of any right to scold me in the most shocking way be he badgered until he got an order from of the profit on every ton. When the he badgered until he got an order from me and from Anderson. The hats came, and were delivered Saturday afternoon. "A beautiful Sabbath day followed, and nderson and myself ventured to abund rushes of modern times. One man found Anderson and myself ventured to church that part of his came inside an old Dutch church. But that was no reason for reverence; he rushed in like a madman

> there are the rows of deep, level mines. again to spear the fast-sagging reef. No wonder \$5,000,000 will sometimes be sunk in shafts, machinery, and labor and a walt of ten years patiently endured before the gold can even be touched.
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> It is tracic foot that the sagging reef. No country nouse by the sea Domthorne had been instructed to build. The stone carving came from France, from the little town of Les Andelys, on the Seine, and belonged to the mayor's house.

truth is, South Africa produces gold and chancing to pass by, and seeing so much

to Johannesburg. Business houses trebled pense of bringing all the heavy stor were put up with feverish haste. Then cliffe Castle took every one by so dus of white men from the city of gold. fantastic nature of the building.

In the last three years the mines have spent over \$1,000,000 recruiting laborers lofty hall, and two long flights of stairs. in Central Africa, with the poorest re- also some stained glass windows sults. Only 17,000 shivering negroes were Lady Waterford helped to adjust. secured, and as these came from a tropic history of a house must be in part the climate they could not stand the cold history of the people who have lived winter.

this raised a grave political question in with Louisa, Marchioness of Waterford the British House of Commons. Yet, not withstanding all drawbacks, it is certain daughters of Lord Stuart de Rothesay that the Rand's output will be maintained, and here, after her husband's death, Lad-ed, and the world's gold supply will Waterford spent most of her time, when surely increase instead of falling off.

New Fields Every Year.

Every year sees new fields tapped. Those of Australia are as yet barely Mile. Lena Cavalleri, the grand opera scratched, because of the difficulty of singer, has recently insured her larynx travel in the waterless interior. The imfor £10,000. If, by any mischance, the portation of thousands of Indian camels, at home than at Highcliffe Castle, and, prima donna is deprived of her voice for however, has made a big difference in like many more people, returned to the

hands, a small consideration when meas- 2.471,303 ounces of virgin metal worth \$20 ist. La Belle Otero has placed the value Broken Hill? Or a Golden Mile of marvel-£30,000-£3,000 for each toe. Kubelik esti- great mass of pure gold we called the little?" mates the money compelling power of his Welcome Stranger-that monstrous lump fingers at £10,000 in his insurance policy. that weighed 2,516 ounces and fetched

> It costs \$25 to haul a cord of miserabl sage brush over the seas of sand to the batteries. And there are savage natives

Stranger Than Fiction,

Not a season passes in Australia with-

Mills and his party were led by savages through a murderous country of spinifex or spear grass, whose blades cut like knives. The men were almost dving of thirst when Mills accidentally some chips off the cap of a reef and found | (The President will assign an officer of the Med it was fairly held together with virgin ical Corps to command one of the hospital ships of

The Hidden Secret Mine, as it was new order of things.-News Item.) called, yielded \$200,000 of gold in a few Sing ho the gallant cruiser, the Apothecary Sho days, and was then bought by the Earl With red light on her bottom and a green light on of Fingall for \$2,500,000. The mine's name was then changed to that of the Golden Hole, and Lord Fingall at once floated a company in London and Paris with : capital of \$3,750,000.

The magic hole was solemnly sealed and in due time all the world's eyes were upon it. Men said it would send out Dramatic indeed was the reopening-

not a color of gold was to be found! There was nothing left but a miserable shell, for the famous hole had proved a mere pocket-marvelously rich, yet coming to an abrupt end.

Its ev'ry grace and beauty on thy head; And yet thy worth, whatever heights I reach, Makes my heart know the pennry of speech.
SAM. M. GAINES.

CASTLE BUILT ON SAND.

Higheliffe Castle stands on the edge of sandstone cliff looking down on a glittering expanse of sea; sheltered by groves shine, reminding those who have been there of the Riviera and the Mediterranean Sea. Though eminently salubrious, the situation is quite as pretty as a poem-a castle in a wood by the sea could scarcely fail to be otherwise. The motto on the castle is equally felicitous.

nave mari magno turbantibus aequora ventis.

E terra longum alterius spectare laborem The lines are from Lucretius, and are carved in great stone letters, so as to orm a sort of parapet along the roof of garden wing. Visitors to Dunferm line Abbey may remember having noticed "King Robert the Bruce" carved in just such a fashion round the four sides of the high tower: "'Tis sweet when the stormwinds lash the waves on a wide sea to watch from the shore another's sore distress." A man who means to enjoy his security and peace could choose no prettler motto for his duelling, for the knowledge that there still was labor somewhere made even the lotus eater's dream more complete,

The story of Highcliffe is the story, no without the moral, of the house that was built upon sand. If ever there was a castle in the air it was here, where the site of the original building is in the empyrean, the sea having gradually eaten away more and more of the land, and more and more of the cliff having fallen into the sea, till the edge of the present cliff is what was formerly an inland field, quite removed from the wind and the sea. Higheliffe was originally purchased by the third Lord Bute, who wanted a house by the sea. Luton and Lans downe house, his other houses, were built in a classic Adams design, and Adams was the style he chose again for the castle in the air, though whether its site be now in the air or below in the sea it were hard to say, as seagulls and sailing boats now pass over what was once dry land. Lord

Meantime the coast erosion grew w desort.

In this magic city of the Rand thouso that there was nothing left but to The property was now sold to an came by his wealth in a curious way. A Beloch, the great mining expert in South Africa, declares the Johannesburg relative died and left him an old cocked hat—the relative must have laughed in his sleeve when he made his will—Mr. Penleaze for his part being naturally a known, but it must have been enough to buy Highcliffe, whereupon Mr. Penleaze tered into his kingdom.

Lord Stuart de Rothesay was the next owner; he bought back the place, and built the present castle on the site chosen Poor it is, yet so regular and stable in by Mr. Penleaze. Domthorne was the architect now employed, a lesser light thun Adams, and who seems to have sused his patrons no little worry and at noyance, as when left to himself his fancy was apt to run riot. In this way some wholly superfluous minarets and towers were added, by no means in keepng with the rest of the design. build houses, it is said, but doubtless Domthorne had a difficult task, as Highcliffe is a puzzle to most architects, and quite un-English in appearance; there are large, long windows and a great deal country house by the sea Domthorne had!

anthracite coal shipments were 55,661,467 It is tragic fact that the golden city for some reason this house was demoltons, 10,000,000 tons greater than for the is also a land of disappointment. The ished, and Lord Stuart de Rothesay, iamonds-and nothing else. There is not exquisite stonework discarded and treatanother single industry to support the ed as naught, bethought him of his house number. Structures worth \$40,000,000 work across the sea, the modern High came the reaction, and an amazing exo- though only strangers now notice the

The chief feature inside the castle is For this reason an army of Chinese, sonages who have come and gone, High-She and Lady Canning were sisters both and here, after her husband's death, Lady she was not at Ford, her other home in Northumberland. Every one loved her in the country round about; some of the still. She painted at night by lamplight while Augustus Hare read aloud. voracious storyteller was nowhere more

place again and again. Fixing the Responsibility.

Tommy had been punished. "Mamma," he sobbed, "did your mamm

whip you when you were little?" Yes, when I was naughty." 'And did her mamma whip her when she was little?"

'And was she whipped when she was

"Yes." "Well," inquired the child, his brain cleared by the position he had just occu-The stamps of Kalgurli's Golden Mile pied, "who started it, anyway?"

Fire-killed timber is being used more extensively each year in the West for railroad ties, and where tried in the same track with ties cut green, has been found to be as good as the latter. Despite the fact that dead timber is often regarded as unsound, there are many tracts of it killed by fire fifteen or twenty years the incident of John Mills and his Golden ago, that are still sound. The strength is not impaired, and the durability is

her top;
For we're away to Bay Rum Bay
With office hours both night and day—
Sing ho the salt sea and the surgeon!

pain;
And if we're bound to go around
We'd rather land than all be drow

Our battery is loaded with a cure for every ill; If awfully should roar the sea Our Captain knows the remedy

From Tid-Bits. We're sailed by a prescription and the helm's a stethoscope; But you can bet, if we get wet, Bold Skipper Squills will never

Maria's Midnight Lectures.

LECTURE NO. 20.

"Ha, ha, Job! Do forgive my laughing, but you do look so funny with that red nose you've got left over from the grip! Where have you been all the evening; don't, for heaven's sake, tell me that you've been out trying to cure the grip again; if the grip can survive all the hot rum you've taken in trying to drown it. I should think it deserved to live. See there, Job, by the fire I've fixed up a nice bath with mustard all ready. Put your feet in it, Job, and just set there while I listen to you tell me all about the news. I feel sure you've got a lot of interesting things

"Thank heaven grip and Christmas

only come onc't a year. Of course I

like the season, and even if little Emily did get sick sucking the paint off the animals in the Noah's Ark you gave her, and little Haley fell on his new skates and-oh, well, I do love the season because the children have such a good time. And, Job, dear, I hope that you've forgiven me for forgetting to put anything in your stocking when you went and hung it up, but you see the only present I could afford for you was that set of Ambrose Bierce's works that I've been wanting so much to read, and I couldn't even get one volume inyour socks. Is the water hot enough, Job? That's right, wiggle your toes about. It may help to keep you awake! "Say, Job, what's all this row in the navy about? Of course I heard that if the navy started for the Pacific there was bound to be a row of some sort, but why should it start right here in Washington. And who is this Dr. Brownson-well, admiral then-not that I see it makes much difference. From what I can see the best way to get on in the army or navy nowadays is to

take a course in medicine. It may be

that the President thinks that if the

captain of a ship is a doctor as well

that the government can save money in

the treatment of sick sailors, but even in a battle, if the captain had to be busy extracting bullets out of the gunner's mate, I don't quite see who'd run the ship, do you, unless it was the cook? "I see, by the way, that once the row got nicely started Mr. Roosevelt went off on a visit to his wife's folks down at Pine Knot; says he's going to rest and won't even open his mail. I should hink not. It wouldn't be much like resting if he had to read every morning what his recent enemies have to say about him. What Senator Foraker might write would probably disturb his night's rest; the heartiness of Admiral Brownson's "Happy New Year" would probably give him a distaste for his victuals, and as for Dr. Long-well, he's about the only medical man the President doesn't seem to care for. By the

way, where is Commander in Chief,

Brigadier General and Honorary Colonel Wood nowadays? "Did you read about that beautiful fight put up by the gentleman from Indiana? Wasn't it lovely? It's all right for Mr. Tarkington, when he's over in Paris, to write a perfectly lovely book about "His Own People," but when he gets back to Indianapolis, where the literary atmosphere grows, it doesn't be made president. 'Three Weeks:' no seem quite the proper thing for him to I haven't read it, and I'm not a-going What I hate about fighting is you never can tell the consequences it'll have. gestion; just think what an awful hole notice about that other fight, there in Congress! Somebody hit Mr. John Sharp Williams in the nose, and as he fell on the floor, there was an earthquake out in Mississippi-talk about sympathetic disturbances. That man De Armond

ought to be more careful! "Oh. Job! I wisht in the morning that you'd take the bunch of mistletoe off the gas burner in the front hall. It's all withered and wasn't much use anyway. Little Haley kissed little Emily underneath it to be sure, but it made me uncomfortable every time I passed under it. When I took in the mail this morning, I saw the postman look at it and then look at me, and I thought-oh, well, never mind. I suppose he didn't dare! The man who came to put in the coal looked up at it and laughed, and then he smiled kinder sheepish at me, but his face was all black with coal dust, and I just went into the front parlor and waited until he was gone. Mistletoe, inolder village folk speak lovingly of her deed! It's only a pagan suspicion-superstition, I mean, anyway.

"I was reading, just before you came in, Job, about the bill that has been turned in for things bought by the Senators. Isn't it just awful! What in the world do you suppose any Senator wants to buy skirt-hangers for? Of course, it may have been for his wife, but if they can do that, I don't see why the Senators shouldn't buy their wife's hats out of the government money. If that were allowed, I wouldn't mind if you were go into politics, Job. I could understand the meaning of 'practical politics' then. If the Senators can buy safety razors and violet water and quinine and bathslippers, I don't see, if you was a Senator, Job, why you couldn't put in a bill for a new pair of pants for little Haley, or some new dish towels for the kitchen. Lord knows, I need 'em bad

"Did you notice, Job, that they've been catching some more Japanese spies out in Portland, Oregon? They had a map of the city and the harbor better made than any our government had. I don't see why we don't let the Japs go to work as spies and make a nice lot of maps for us of all the cities and harbors, and then take 'em away from them. Be a good way to save money, I should think. We don't hear so much now of the financial stingency, do we, Job? It can't be that they're giving out more money; leastways I haven't seen any of it. What is a financial stingency, Job? Who is it that's stingy with their money? I see Senator Bailey says that Congress does not under stand the financial situation, but there's so many things that Congress can't understand that I don't consider that remarkable. Nobody else understands about the money business, either, unless it's President Roosevelt-he knows everything-and maybe Mr. Morgan, who came to the rescue of Wall streetthough laws knows what he rescued it from

"Every day now there seems to be a Presidential candidate cropping up Seems to me they're putting up candidates faster than Senator Foraker can knock 'em down. The latest one is Mr. Bonaparte, though I can't see how people'd vote for a foreigner, do you? see that nice Mr. Cannon went over to Danville for Christmas to play with his children. He's the man that ought to be President, I think. He's so old now that if he was elected we certainly wouldn't have all this trouble and bother of arguing about a third term. Did you see, Job, where a man out West broke into a minister's house and stole a sermon? I wonder what they'd do to him if they caught him. They couldn't make it grand larceny, could they? I don't expect he knew what he was stealing, do you? 'cause a man can't get much for a sermon, no matter how bad! The papers say, dear, that suicide is declining in the State of Indiana. Isn't that interesting? And it's curious how it happens just now. when the output of Indianaesque literature is declining, too. Of course, Meredith Nicholson has been so busy writing novels that he hasn't had time to turn out any poetry recently, and that may have helped some, but the Bard of the Alamo has ground out some verse while resting from plowing, and they say that Charles Major is at work on another novel. I expect the reason there ain't so many suicides is because you can't buy cigarettes in Indiana, and then Tom Taggart's smile of hopefulness may have something to do with it.

"Oh, Job, they say that that funny Mr. Wu-fing-tang is coming back to Washington from China. He's been over there in Pekin for a year or two framing up a lot more questions to ask, and learning some new funny stories to tell the reporters. I can just imagine him now calling at the White House and saying: 'What is a secretary? Why is Mr. Loeb? Where was he born? What year? Does he take snuff? Why does he? Where did he buy that frock coat? How much? Is breakfast food conducive to secrecy? How much a package?' until poor, shy Mr. Loeb would get red about the ears and complain to the State Department that the Minister Plenipotentiary was hindering the executive department of the United States government. Still, I think it would be a good thing. We haven't had much to laugh at in diplomatic circles since that funny Mr. Consekko left here, and the Turkish Ambassador is staying at home

"I see they've started a new religious set out in Chicago called 'The Milk Chewers'-nonsensical name it seems to me! You can't chew milk, leastways not until it clabbers, and then it's indigestible. I don't think I'd join a thing like that even if Eleanor Glyn was to was so improper that she put it under her pillow that night so her husband might not get it and become contaminated. I asked her to lend it to me, in Mr. Tarkington's royalties a suft for but she'd promised it first to Mrs. Nickdamages would make. Why, did you son and now, I suppose, the whole sewing circle will have to read it before I

"Pittsburg's getting itself back into the papers, I see; ro wonder somebody said that Pittsburg was the worst advertised town in America. First of all they go and take Harry Thaw's name off the blue book-but that's perfectly natural, as its been a year and more now since he's returned any social calls-and then there's a Pittsburg girl going to marry a count who turns out not to be a count at all, and a Pittsburg millionaire is going to marry another chorus girl, and Mr. Carnegie is not going to give Pittsburg another library, and its Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Pittsburg in the newspapers until you

can almost smell the smoke. "Did you see what a judge out in Milwaukee says?-that it's as much the duty of the man to walk the floor with the baby as it is that of the wife. I do hope you'll remember that the next time little Haley has the croup, or little Emily wants a drink-you get up and get it, not me! It's bad enough when I have to go downstairs to look for burglars, and to tend to the furnace and cook your victuals. The judge says you've got to do some of it. Say, Job, I wish we were over in England. They're going to open the Druce coffin at last and see whether it was a dead man or a lead man they buried all those years ago. Isn't it exciting? I wish I could be there when they open it. I always did love, even as a child, to see pack-

ages opened. "Where's Trinidad, Job? That's where the war ships stopped the other day. I knew they were going to get around to the other side of the world all right. I think Uncle Sam's awful generous to the sailors, don't you? I hear as how they've got no less than two hundred and fourteen pianolas on board the ships, so's if they don't happen to get into a battle they can have some fun. anyway. It must be fine to hear 'em all

going at once. "Job! Job! Say, have you gone to sleep with your feet in that mustard water? Why, it's all cold. Get up here, Job, and get into bed. No, you lay on that side, so's if the children cry out you can get up and tend to them. You are the sleepiest! And you haven't told me anything about the resignation of the Dutch Cabinet or the Shah of Persia's constitution or the Russian parliament going off to Siberia on an investigation tour, or nothing. Lor, I wonder if any female on earth has got as unsatisfactory a husband as I have. Oh, go to sleep if you want to. Goo-

From Cassell's Saturday Journal. Military doctor (to Private Jones, of the Buffs)-Well, my man, what's the matter with you?

Private Jones-Pains in the back, sir. Doctor (handing him a few pills)-Take one of these a quarter of an hour before you feel the pain coming on.

One Pun and Another,

An amateur punster informs us that some houses have wings, and he has oft- fast?" en seen a house fly. We thought no part i "I suppose because the kind of snakes of a house save the chimney flue. he sees are adders." Sing he the Navy and the Pharmacopoeia!

DAN H. LOW. of a house save the chimney flue.

Must Have Meant Him.

From the Catholic Standard and Times Nell-I really think May is in love with

Ned-Do you really? Why? Nell-I heard her remark yesterday that homeliness in a man is not really a fault, but a sign of character.

From the Baltimore America "I wonder why the snakes a man sees when he's been drinking multiply so